A.—(*a*) The Livestock section was established mainly for the improvement of agricultural livestock, both for milk and draught purposes. Work on sheep and poultry has also received some attention.

(*b*) Breeding bulls and cows have either been sold or placed at stud.

Thirty-nine farm bred bulls have been placed at stud in the districts in veterinary hospitals, jails, farms, etc., for serving outside cows.

There are 32 bulls approved under the premia scheme and more than half of these have been supplied by the Livestock section to individuals or private bodies. Eleven applications for bulls have been received by the Director of Agriculture and they are receiving attention.

The Government have under their consideration a scheme for concentrating attention on breeding in some of the forest areas by placing stud bulls in the forests.

A detailed account of the work done by the Livestock section will be found in the annual administration reports. The Director of Agriculture will shortly publish a bulletin entitled "The work of the Livestock section."

(*c*) One Ongole bull was at stud at Hagari Experiment station from 31st July 1924 to 2nd June 1926.

One bull was loaned to the trustee of the Mahanandeswar temple in Nandyal in June 1926 and withdrawn in March 1928 as it was neglected. The bull was then kept with the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon for some time and withdrawn as it was found unfit.

It is proposed to supply a Sinde bull to the Superintendent, Alipuram Jail, Bellary.

(*d*) No survey of cattle has been undertaken in these parts and no applications for advice, etc., have been received from any party. It is proposed to commence work on the survey of cattle in Kurnool district in April next.

Attention on breeding is being concentrated in the breeding tracts of Guntur and Coimbatore districts at present.

(*e*) No. Only bulls suitable for farm operations are kept.

Industries

Winding up of Government industrial concerns.

* 1790 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of industrial concerns wound up since they were first started;

(*b*) the nature of each;

(*c*) the reasons for closing them;

(*d*) the loss sustained in each; and

(*e*) when they were started and when they were closed?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Three; during the last decade, namely :—
(i) Glue Factory, Madras,
(ii) Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor, and
(iii) The activities of the Government Industrial Institute, Madras, so far as they relate to the manufacture of fluid inks, ink powders and tablets.

(*c*) The experimental manufacture of glue was terminated because a market could not be found for the glue which would absorb a quantity adequate to render manufacture on a commercial scale possible. The Fruit Preserving Institute was closed because experience showed that the demand for jam and preserves within the area which it served or could ever hope to serve was quite insufficient to absorb an economic output. The commercial manufacture of fluid ink, ink powders and tablets has been discontinued owing to the limited demand for good quality ink and the difficulty of competing with small manufacturers of inferior products.

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(*d*) Glue Factory (loss on working)	37,078	11	0
Fruit Preserving Institute (loss on working)	80,459	10	6
Ink Factory (loss on working)	10,160	6	10

(*e*) The Glue Factory was started in October 1921, and was closed in July 1924.

The Fruit Preserving Institute was started in September 1921, and was closed in March 1926.

The Ink Factory was started in October 1919, and was closed in February 1929.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know why the Government failed to find a market for the glue manufactured ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I cannot say, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" What attempts did the Government make to find a market ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice."

Excise

Compensation to losses sustained with regard to excise revenue.

* 1791 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any and, if so, what compensation was given in each of the last twenty years to Indian States and French settlements in connexion with losses sustained by them with regard to their excise revenue ;

(*b*) how much for each ; and

(*c*) why such compensation was given ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Complete information is not available, but has been called for.

(*c*) The information will be found in paragraph 38 at page 25 of the Budget Memorandum, 1929-30.